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SUBJ: Service -- Antenna Pole Replacements

TEXT:

In order to appease a local farmer, the Japanese government has asked us to move one of our rhombic antennas (285R) to another location within our antenna field. We have identified a site, and the Japanese government is funding the move. The movers, however, have a question.

If, during this move, any of the current wooden support poles are found to be rotted (or otherwise unusable), can they replace it/them with concrete poles?

Checking with our Air Force antenna maintenance crew, the only requirement they have is the pole must be climbable. The opinion at the bureau is concrete is acceptable, its only drawback in the past being cost. And since the Japanese government is footing the bill, we see no reason not to give an OK. Does FED ESG have any problems with the possible replacement?

It should be added that the four poles are relatively new, two being replaced in 1984, one in 1988, and one in 1979. The poles are rated to last 30 years. am000607.024 06/0358z jul

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